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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

a pedal bracket fixed at a front end portion to a toe board; and

a pedal lever rotatably supported ~~by in a vicinity of~~ a rear end portion of said pedal bracket via a pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity increasing member comprising a saddle type switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion in ~~the vicinity of~~ said front end portion of said pedal bracket, and

a brittle portion contiguous to and at a rear side of said rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle portion is ahead of said pedal lever pivot in a longitudinal direction of said pedal bracket.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, ~~further comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body, and~~ which wherein said rigidity increasing member is between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body and is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

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Claim 4. (Currently amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said rigidity increasing member further comprises:

~~a switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and~~  
a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said switch bracket and said vehicle body,

wherein said rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said switch bracket.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said rigidity increasing member is between said pedal lever pivot and further comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body, and which is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claims 6-7. (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle portion comprises a semi-circular shape.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular shaped hole formed therein.

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Claims 10-11. (Canceled).

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

a pedal bracket fixed to a toe board; ~~and~~

a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket; and

a rigidity increasing member comprising a saddle type switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed in a toward front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion contiguous to and formed at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a swollen bead.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a curved rib.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said pedal bracket further comprises a rigidity supplementing plate attached to said outwardly swollen rigidity

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supplementing portion.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular hole formed therein.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion comprises a thin portion.

Claim 19. (Canceled).

Claim 20. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 12, wherein said rigidity increasing member further comprises comprising:

~~a saddle shaped switch bracket attached to a rear of said pedal bracket at said pedal pivot;~~  
and

a rigidity supplementing bracket attached to said saddle shaped switch bracket and further mounted to a vehicle body.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A pedal structure bracket comprising:  
a pedal bracket;

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a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket; and  
a rigidity increasing member comprising a saddle type switch bracket fastened to said  
pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot, wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed in toward a front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion contiguous to and at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The pedal structure of claim 21, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a cylindrically-shaped portion.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The pedal structure of claim 22, wherein said rear side of said cylindrically-shaped portion is defined by said brittle portion.

Claims 24-25. (Canceled).

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure of claim 1, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a cylindrically-shaped portion.